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You'll be getting alot of these so I'll keep it brief.

The remedies are far too lenient in regards to Microsoft. The remedy it's suggested for itself would actually have the effect of increasing it's market share in school while simultaneously decreasing the primary computer platform's (it's competitor Mac) presence in the classroom additionally they would have us allow them to inculcate our nations youth into their software while they're still in school. The notion that this company is willing to offer such a remedy on it's behalf ostensibly to correct it's behavior but ultimately to increase it's mindshare is a slap in the face of the justice you should be upholding as it's care taker for our nation.

As to what remedies should be imposed I'm no expert but it seems to me that they should be closely watched by government representatives at their own expense. They should be required to submit to free agents whose salaries are paid for by Microsoft to have complete free roam of their facilities/practices/contracts etc for a period of not less than 10 years. Such free agents would be required to make monthly reports, as well as a comprehensive yearly report, to the appropriate agency.

They should be required to eliminate their surplus revenue as profit to their shareholders. Part of Microsoft's problem is that they tend to utilize their enormous bank account to threaten competition.

Microsoft should be made to make financial restitution to any and all individuals and corporations that have been harmed by it's acts.

Microsoft should be banned from creating or conducting any new businesses outside the software for pc platforms and support and development of it's subsidiary business already created such as Xbox.

Failing that.

Separate Microsoft into component companies each to have free government agents reporting on it's behavior.